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HOUSE MEMORIAL 45

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING THE MILLICENT ROGERS MUSEUM ON ITS FIFTIETH
ANNIVERSARY.

WHEREAS, Millicent Rogers was the granddaughter of Henry
Huttleston Rogers, one of the original founders of Standard
oil; and

WHEREAS, she moved to Taos, New Mexico, in 1947 where she
assembled a stellar collection of Native American jewelry and
textiles; and

WHEREAS, when she passed away in 1953, she left behind a
collection of items worthy of a premier museum; and

WHEREAS, her son, Paul Peralta-Ramos, envisioned a place
where his mother's collection could be displayed and in 1953,
together with other family members, created a foundation to
preserve Millicent Rogers' collection; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Millicent Rogers museum first opened its
2 doors in 1956 and moved to its present location in 1960 as the
3 museum's collection grew through donations and purchases; and

4 WHEREAS, over the last fifty years, the museum has
5 continued Millicent Rogers' tradition of collecting important
6 pieces of Native American and Spanish colonial art; and

7 WHEREAS, today, the museum's collections include Navajo
8 and pueblo jewelry, Navajo and pueblo textiles, pueblo pottery,
9 Hopi and Zuni kachina dolls, southwestern basketry, the Maria
10 Martinez family collection of ceramics, Hispanic devotional
11 art, Rio Grande weavings, colcha embroidery, tinwork and
12 contemporary arts and crafts of northern New Mexico; and

13 WHEREAS, the Millicent Rogers museum is a nonprofit,
14 educational institution that has been an important part of the
15 tradition of preservation and presentation of northern New
16 Mexico art for fifty years;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Millicent
19 Rogers museum be honored for celebrating its fiftieth
20 anniversary; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the Millicent Rogers museum.